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## Shuster Announces Application Period for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

*Washington, D.C.* – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Department of Homeland Security has released grant guidance and application materials for the FY2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

The application period for interested fire companies to take part in the FY 2010 AFG Program will open on Monday, April 26, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. EDT and will close on Friday, May 28, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. EDT. The AFG Program guidance and application materials are currently available for review at www.firegrantsupport.com.

Congressman Shuster encourages fire departments across the 9<sup>th</sup> district to take advantage of the application period to apply for funding to help finance new equipment and training.

The AFG Program provides financial assistance directly to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations to enhance their capabilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The primary goal of the program is to help fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations meet their firefighting and emergency response needs. The AFG Program seeks to support organizations that lack the tools and resources necessary to more effectively protect the life and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards.

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